

The Stuff of Uttered Love*

Verner's Law is an explanation for a series of apparent exceptions to Grimm's law, stating that

the Proto-Germanic word-medial voiceless spirants (f, þ, h, s), de-

rived from the Proto-Indo-European voiceless stops (p, t, k) and voiceless

spirant (s), regularly became the voiced spirants (v, ð, g, z), respectively, and final

(s) became (z), when the vowel immediately preceding these did not in Proto-Indo-

European bear the principal accent of the word. <cue violins>

**apologies to Webster's New Word Dictionary*